

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DAVID SCHORMANN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Schormann. David is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 389, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. David has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. For his project, David installed fishing line recycling stations throughout a local lake, to ensure a higher quality of life for wildlife within the area.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Schormann for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

HON. GARY J. PALMER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, today is the 100th year anniversary of the United States House of Representatives approving the resolution for the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. I have looked forward to this day literally since my first day in Congress because it holds very special meaning for my wife's family.

Prior to the 1920 election, sample ballots were distributed in Boston. My wife Ann's great-great-grandmother, Abby Mayhew Cushing, received a sample ballot that she used to prepare for that election. After voting that day she wrote the following note on the back side of the sample ballot, "November 2, 1920 Cast my first vote for President of these United States."

Reading those words gives a sense of the immense pride that Ms. Cushing felt, a sincere sense of patriotism at the opportunity to participate in the selection of the leaders who would guide as she wrote, "these United States."

These United States . . . even though women had been denied the right to vote since the beginning of our nation, there was no sense of resentment from Ms. Cushing, only a sense of great pride that comes from a genuine love of country.

To be totally transparent, I should include the rest of what she wrote on the back of her sample ballot. She wrote, "Straight Republican ticket. Smashing victory for Harding and Coolidge. Abby Mayhew Cushing Age 67"

Almost three years later she added this note: "President Harding died very suddenly August 2nd 1923 in California. Burial in Marion, Ohio, Friday August 10th."

My wife and her family have held on to this treasured piece of American history, with Ms. Cushing's simple yet inspiring words written on the back, for almost 100 years as a reminder of how far our nation has come. It is with great pride and honor that I share them with this Congress on this 100th anniversary of the passage of the House resolution to give the women of America the right to vote.

HONORING PAUL SHUTE AND KRISTEN P. FINNE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing two District of Columbia residents, Paul Shute and Kristen P. Finne, 2019 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals finalists.

The Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals (Sammies) are awarded each year to honor outstanding federal employees who have made significant contributions to our nation. In this, its 18th year, the Sammies reward efficient, effective problem solving in today's complex government. This year, two D.C. residents are among 26 other finalists for the 2019 Safety and Law Enforcement and Management Excellence categories. They were nominated by their peers, federal employees, and chosen from a pool of over 300 nominees as finalists by the Partnership for Public Service, a non-profit aimed at making the government more effective. The winners of the awards will be chosen in October 2019.

Paul Shute, a 2019 Safety and Law Enforcement finalist, cut the amount of time it takes to verify mental health claims for veterans from 60 days to 6 minutes. At a time when the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs estimates that an average of 20 veterans commit suicide every day, this innovative approach is lifesaving and critical to providing veterans with much-needed mental health benefits.

Kristen Finne, a 2019 Management Excellence finalist, developed a system for first responders to quickly locate and assist 4.3 million Medicare beneficiaries who rely on electricity-dependent medical equipment and are at risk during prolonged power outages. Finne, who works for the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, developed and led the emPOWER Program, which consists of a database of Medicare beneficiaries and weather and geographic in-

formation to identify, locate and assist vulnerable members of the community during natural disasters.

Please join me in recognizing Paul Shute and Kristen P. Finne, finalists for the 2019 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals.

HONORING BRUCE BENSON

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Bruce Benson for his dedication and service to the University of Colorado.

Bruce Benson is the longest-serving president of the University of Colorado in more than half a century. Since becoming the President of his alma mater in 2008, Bruce has enhanced the university's standing as one of our country's leading public universities.

Throughout his tenure, he's been a national leader in ensuring that campuses are forums for free speech, he has welcomed intellectual diversity, and he has a long history of bettering the lives of Coloradans. He will also be remembered for the tremendous strides he made to advance conservative thought and policy, as well as his fundraising efforts to support the Center for Western Civilization, Thought and Policy at the University of Colorado—Boulder.

Before joining the University of Colorado, he established a career in business, where he had been involved in banking, real estate, cable television, and the restaurant industry. He graduated from the University of Colorado in 1964 with a Bachelor of Arts in Geology and founded the Benson Mineral Group in 1965. Later, in 2009, he was named to the Colorado Business Hall of Fame.

This July, Bruce will be retiring as the President of the University of Colorado system—where he oversees four campuses and roughly 70,000 students.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I would like to thank Bruce for his service to our great state of Colorado.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRIENDS OF THE CHICAGO RIVER

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Friends of the Chicago River as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary.

Since its founding in August of 1979, Friends of the Chicago River has promoted and protected the Chicago River system for

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